

Successful Harvest of Sea bass at Kasaragode, Kerala



Harvest by SHGs, Matsyafed, Kasaragode

Under RKVY programme, MATSYAFED, Kasaragode District Kerala implemented thesea bass culture in estuaries of Kasaragode. The training

on cage farming of Sea bass for MATSYAFED was imparted by Mangalore Research Centre of CMFRI. The cages were made according to the

design fabricated for Uppunda creeks of Karnataka, which were adopted by Karnataka fishermen on a large scale. Success and adoption of small scale cage farming in Karnataka created lot of enthusiasm in neighbouring Kerala fishermen also. Training was imparted to 7 self-help groups. About 2m x 2m x 2m cages were fabricated for estuarine cage culture and stocked with 200-300 sea bass seeds. Each group was having six such cages. In 2011 July, the first batch of fishes was harvested and encouraged by the success of the year 2011, the following year also (2012) the culture was continued and the second batch of harvest was carried out during July, 2012. Grow out period was 6 months and an average of 450 kg was harvested by each group. An income of ₹ 99,000/- per group was realized from the harvest.